



A FIELD OF CHILEAN STRAWBERRIES IN THE HIGHLANDS OF ECUADOR.

(*Fragaria chiloensis* (L.) Duchesne, S. P. I. No. 52576.)

The Chilean strawberry, which has been used by plant breeders in the production of the horticultural varieties grown in Europe and the United States, is extensively cultivated in western South America, and excellent varieties have been developed. The one grown near Ambato, Ecuador, at elevations of 9,000 to 10,000 feet is of particular interest, for although the plantations are on sandy ground, as may be seen in the picture, and are never irrigated, they fruit throughout the entire year. The berries are of good size, pleasant flavor, and are remarkable for their excellent shipping qualities. The variety is worthy of careful trial in the southwestern United States. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, near Ambato, Ecuador, January, 1921; P18322FS.)